

Appl. No. 10/627,011
Amdt. dated June 14, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 16, 2006
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REMARKS

This is a Response to the Office Action dated March 16, 2003 (hereafter "the Office Action"). Claims 1-30 are in the case. Applicants acknowledge with thanks the telephone conference with Examiner Hirl on Wednesday, June 7, 2006. In accordance with that telephone conference, Applicants present the amendment above and remarks demonstrating that the case is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants discussed the claims with Examiner Hirl and have amended the claims in accordance with that discussion. The rejection should therefore be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. §102 OVER KROLL

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kroll *et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,645,153). To anticipate claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), Kroll must disclose each and every element as set forth in Applicants' claims. Each of Applicants claims recite executing an action setting the value of an attribute of the networked household device. In stark contrast to Applicants claims reciting executing an action setting the value of an attribute of the networked household device, Kroll discloses an implantable cardiac stimulation device. As such, Kroll does not anticipate claims 1-30. Applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 1-30.

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